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### **OPERATING MODULE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE**

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a U.S. National-Stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 based on International Application No. PCT/EP2005/006964, filed June 29, 2005, which was published under PCT Article 21(2); this application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to German Application No. DE 10 2004 033 503.6, filed July 10, 2004.

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The invention relates to a control module for a motor vehicle with an electric switch in a housing, which has at least one locking element that can be resiliently deflected, in the locking position of which the housing is secured in the correct position in a seat provided therefor.

[0003] Such control modules cannot usually be assembled or disassembled without additional auxiliary tools.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Patent document DE 44 09 460 C1 discloses an electric switch, in which locking elements can be brought into a release position by actuating a function setting that does not occur in normal operation. This function setting is reached by simultaneously pressing or pulling and rotating the switch. While such a switch can be assembled or disassembled without any additional auxiliary tools, its design structure is complicated, and this makes the switch expensive.